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UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

May 10, 2004

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to deny your refund request in the amount of \$257.00, for patent/serial number 10645746.

The money is needed for claims. There were 7 Independent -3 allowed = $4 \times 42=168.00$ total claims = 33 - 20 allowed = 13x9=117.00 The \$140.00 is the multiple claim fee paid if any multiple's are present.

Sincerely,

ELEANOR KURTZ
Technical Center Others
Refund Branch, Office of Finance